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And the crown goes to...

Hazzard named Miss Black EIU 2007 at 36th competition

By Stephen Di Benedetto
Senior Activities Reporter

Amber Hazzard's singing and fashion sense carried her to the final two of the Miss Black EIU 2007 pageant, but it was her heart that won her the crown.

"My ideas that went into (Miss Black EIU) came from my heart," Hazzard said. "They were shaped by experiences from everyday life."

Hazzard, a freshman, was one of the four contestants competing for the 36th annual Miss Black EIU pageant Friday in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Hazzard and juniors Veronica Starr Edmond, Carina Bowman and Kauntessa Wyatt competed in four categories: creative expression, African garment, talent and the evening gown and impromptu question. Hazzard took trophies in creative expression and African garment.

"As a former Miss Black EIU, Amber will do great, and I know she will represent us well," said Yolanda Williams, a Gateway Program adviser and one of the judges of the pageant. "Amber is a very genuine person."

Williams said the judging was close and the contestants were original, which made this year's Miss Black EIU so different.

For creative expression, Hazzard created a scene and narration centered on suicide, the symptoms of suicide and resources on campus that can help a student who is thinking about suicide. Hazzard said African-American Heritage Month was the source of many of her ideas.

"Black history month really gave me an insight how African-Americans have overcome struggles for the pursuit of happiness," Hazzard said.

Other contestants performed scenes on violence between African Americans, racism and the use of recreational drugs.

For the African garment category, the contestants showed off dresses while the audience heard a recording of the contestants on why African heritage is valuable to them.

Williams said, however, the judging was based off a point system and whoever received the most points won. Five judges oversaw Friday's pageant.

"It was great feeling of excitement, and I was proud that I overcame all the obstacles to get to this point," Hazzard said.

After her name was announced, Ebone Ashford, Miss Black EIU 2006, placed the crown



AMIR PRELLBERG | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Amber Hazzard, a freshman management major, walks down the runway after being crowned Miss Black EIU 2007. **Check out page 5** for another photo from the 36th annual competition.

on Hazzard's head. First runner-up went to Edmond, second runner-up went to Wyatt and third runner-up went to Bowman.

As newly crowned Miss Black EIU 2007,

Hazzard already has one goal in mind to improve Eastern's campus.

"My first priority is that I would like to improve diversity on campus," Hazzard said.

UNIVERSITY | IBHE

State looks over budget

Hencken, others tell committee 1.5-percent increase is not enough

By Sarah Whitney
Senior Reporter

SPRINGFIELD — Eastern administrators appeared Friday before the Illinois House Appropriation Higher Education Committee to answer questions representatives had about Eastern's fiscal year 2007 budget.

The committee meeting came the day after the Illinois Board of Higher Education approved a 1.5-percent increase in state funding to state universities and \$6.6 million dollars for new programs.

Last year was the first time in four years that the state approved an increase in funding to public education institutions.

"Now the 1.5-percent increase, we're very thankful for, but I need to let you know that's not enough," Hencken told the committee.

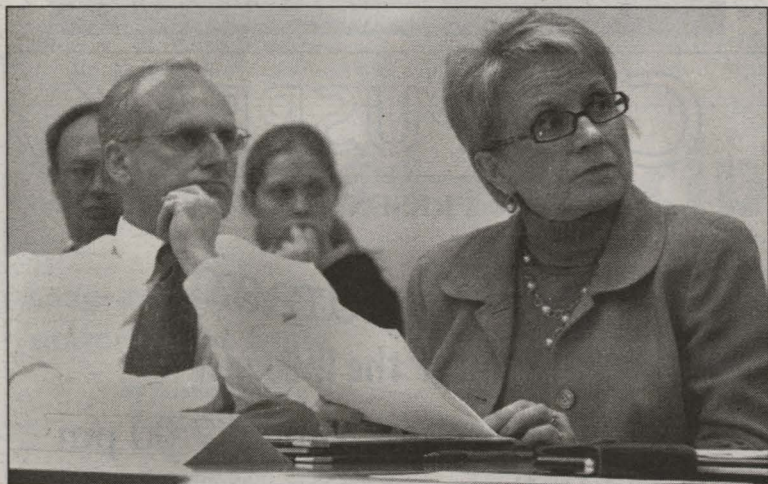
Since 2002, Eastern has taken \$11 million in cuts, Hencken said. Presidents from Illinois State, the University of Illinois and Northern Illinois expressed similar concerns.

"It makes it very difficult to keep tuition rates (low) if the state only gives a 1- to 2-percent increase," said ISU President Al Bowman.

Since 1992, state funding for ISU has dropped from \$92 million to \$81 million.

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UNIVERSITY | ACADEMIC TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE



JOHN BAILEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

James Painter, chair of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences, and Mary Anne Hanner, dean of the College of Sciences, listen to a presentation on new computer applications and software packages Friday afternoon.

PantherMail becomes user-friendly

E-mail upgrades, Banner, laptops addressed by ATAC

By Ashley Rueff
Senior University Reporter

PantherMail users should notice changes in the Zimbra system.

Greg DeYoung of Information Technology Services demonstrated the updated e-mail system Friday at the Academic Technology Advisory Committee and gave an explanation for the anticipated changes.

ITS worked Saturday morning to make some updates to improve the Zimbra mail system used at Eastern, DeYoung said.

The changes create two different ways to sign into PantherMail to better accommodate users.

Now users can chose to sign in to the basic version of the e-mail, which has fewer options and accessories but a faster loading time, or to use the advanced version, which includes additional tools, such as a calendar.

"This really addresses the big problem that people had with Zimbra that it was too slow," said Chat Chatterji, assistant vice president for Information Technology Services.

Now the basic e-mail can be used for standard e-mail needs with a quicker loading time.

Other changes were made to

ease some confusion on how to use the e-mail, DeYoung said. In both versions, icons were moved to be made more visible, including the "log off" icon.

"Users didn't know how to log off; they didn't know where the button was," DeYoung said.

But now the door icon to log off is labeled and visibly located in the upper right corner of the page.

Also, the log in page for the e-mail has been updated to include more information about using the e-mail system.

"We're trying to get a lot more information to users about how to use Zimbra," DeYoung said.

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CITY | BROKEN WATER MAIN



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Carl Ball watches as water shoots out of a broken water main Sunday afternoon at Fourth Street and Grant Avenue. Public works employees said the ground shifts in cold weather, which can cause water lines to break. The workers took a few hours to fix the break.

CITY | CITY COUNCIL

Six vie for two open seats

Tuesday's primary vote will narrow pool to four

By Rob Siebert
Senior City Reporter

The primary elections in this year's City Council race will take place Tuesday.

Six candidates are on the ballot, competing for two open seats, including current council members Larry Rennels and Jeff Lahr, whose two-year terms end April 30.

Larry Rennels

Rennels, 59, is seeking his fourth term. He said he decided to run again because he enjoys serving on the council. He said the city also has a lot planned in the next several years, so he'd like to stay in office.

He specifically cited the upgrade in the city's waste water treatment plant and opportunities for economic development as reasons he'd like to stick around.

Jeff Lahr

Lahr, 43, is aiming for a second term on the council.

Lahr could not be reached for comment.

Challenging the councilmen are: local musician Jenny Keefe, retired Coles County banker Tim Newell, retired truck driver Terry Beason, and T.K. Slaughter, secretary and treasurer for Gano Welding and Supplies.

Jenny Keefe

Keefe, 30, leases a home near Lake Charleston. She said the controversy surrounding the expiration of leases on lakeside properties inspired her to run.

If elected, Keefe would like to start a curbside recycling program to slow the swelling of the landfill between Mattoon and Charleston.

She also hopes to place mirrors on the corners of the town square, so that drivers can better see oncoming traffic.

Keefe would also host informal discussion groups with the community to further open the lines of communication between the council and the public.

Terry Beason

Beason, 51, has lived in Charleston his entire life. Now that he is retired, he feels it is time to give something back to the community.

Beason said he hopes to bring new businesses into the city. While he is happy with what Charleston currently has, he believes the city can do better, especially in terms of nicer restaurants in town.

Beason would also like to take a closer look at the proposed ethanol plant to be installed near the city, as it is close to existing factories, as well as Jefferson elementary school.

Tim Newell

Newell, 58, is a life-long resident of Coles County, and said he chose to run out of a desire to make Charleston a better place.

"I'm very fond of this

community," Newell said. "It's been good to me."

Newell is a math teacher at Charleston High School and said he'd like to be active in bringing new businesses to the city, and allow local business owners to stay in the community, rather than leave.

He would also like to see improvement continue on the city's water/sewer infrastructure.

T.K. Slaughter

Slaughter, 43, is running for City Council for the second time. He ran in 2005, but was defeated in the primary.

He decided to run a second time because of infrastructure problems in the city. He mentioned the city's bumpy sidewalks, and that it would be extremely difficult to get a wheelchair down some of them.

"I feel that I can act in the best interest of the community," Slaughter said.

Slaughter also said he'd like to "de-litter" the city's skylines, adding that there are more telephone poles than trees on Sixth and Seventh streets.

After the votes are tabulated, the two candidates with the lowest number of votes will be eliminated and the remaining four will go on to the general election April 17.

Residents can vote at their local precincts.

The results will be announced at the Coles County Courthouse, or on the county's Web site, at www.co.coles.il.us

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More than a clenched fist

Discussion about Black Power, politics, culture on campus

By Tearria Ruffin
Campus Reporter

In the history books, they were militants. On the TV screen, they were criminals in the streets.

In Tony Chauncy's documentary, "Oh My God," they were the forgotten heroes of a lost revolution.

The Black Panthers and their positive social work will be the focus during a discussion titled "The Legacy of Black Power in the Media and Culture."

Black Panthers have often been associated with negative connotations. The discussion will provide a more honest perspective, said Kristen Hoerl, communication and journalism assistant professor at Auburn University.

She said the films that have come out of Hollywood in the past have not shown any of the positive things

TONY CHAUNCY | DOCUMENTARIAN

"Other black people didn't know what they were doing and it caused a division between blacks and Panthers."

the Black Panthers have done.

Angela Aguayo, Hoerl and Chauncy will give a different perspective of Black Panthers lived their lives.

"We will try to explore what happens when black community mobilizes and how the media represents them in creative form," said Aguayo, a communications assistant professor at Eastern.

Chauncy witnessed first hand the lives of Panther party members. He lived with notable members such as Afeme Shakur, the mother of Tupac Shakur, and filmmaker Julie Dash.

Chauncy said the social services and activism in the group inspired him to make the film "Oh My God" in 1974.

"Other black people didn't know what they were doing and it caused a division between blacks and

Panthers," Chauncy said.

Huey P. Newton and several friends formed the Black Panther Party for Self Defense in 1966 after the early death of Malcolm X and several violent urban uprisings.

The group's radical beliefs and

FAST FACTS

» **What:** "The Legacy of Black Power in the Media and Culture."

» **When:** Tonight at 6.

» **Where:** Arcola/Tuscola room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

behavior caused the group to be alienated by many media outlets and they were often misunderstood.

The Black Panthers gave aid to the struggling black communities and developed service programs

such as free breakfast programs, Chauncy said.

"They didn't get the credit of Martin Luther King," said Chauncy. "It took more than the Martin Luther King peace movement to get this done."

Chauncy said that black people could not get certain privileges of today if it was not for the marches and political activism.

Songs like James Brown's "Say Loud. I'm Black and I'm Proud" and images of people wearing their kinky afros is what Chauncy is happy to remember from that period.

Today, the younger generation sings a different tune.

"We were saying we want more opportunities," said Chauncy. "(Hip Hop says) 'please understand, our backgrounds make us the way we are.' I think it is a copout."

Aguayo wants minority students to bring dialogue on campus.

"It is important for all students to come to understand the history of democracy through the political narratives that aren't allowed to circulate," she said.

Student conductor debuts

Theme of Wind Symphony concert was "Dance Party"

By Ashley Mefford
Staff Reporter

The Wind Symphony concert on Sunday was the last of something for Peter Pacini.

It was the last day that he would be a student conductor.

Pacini, a junior music education major, was the first student conductor for the Wind Symphony.

The Wind Symphony's theme was "Dance Party."

Jeffrey Steiner conducted the Concert Band and Milton Allen conducted the Wind Symphony, with Peter Pacini as the student conductor.

This is Steiner's second year at Eastern and Allen's first.

Patrick Casey of Virginia Tech Symphonic Wind Ensemble was the guest conductor for the concert.

Casey conducted a song for each of the bands.

Casey helped the band students Friday through Sunday afternoon and was involved in a workshop with the students.

Casey was the guest clinician at the workshop.

He spent a few days with both groups and was able to teach them through the workshop.

Having a student conductor was a first for the Wind Symphony.

The audition for the position was



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Percussionist Michelle Cooper, a freshman music education major, plays the chimes during the Concert Band's performance on Sunday afternoon at the McAfee south auditorium.

the final for one of Pacini's classes.

"I was selected based on my Conducting I final from last semester," Pacini said. "The piece I'm working on with the Wind Symphony is a band arrangement of Mozart's 'Ave Verum Corpus,'

originally for four-part choir, strings, and organ.

"That was the final for Conducting I and the audition material as well."

Working with the Wind Symphony has been an experience

that Pacini will never forget.

"The group has been very responsive and very supportive of what I'm trying to get across," he said.

"It really feels like they're on the ride with me."

Students anticipate Goo Goo Dolls

Long-awaited rock concert nears Lantz

By Kristina Peters
Associate Verge Editor

Tickets for the Goo Goo Dolls sold out in less than a month.

Now students await the arrival of the rock band that will perform with Augustana at 8 p.m. Sunday in Lantz Arena.

Nicole Amstadt, a sophomore dietetics major, made sure she got her ticket before they sold out.

She stood in line at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 16, the day tickets went on sale.

"I'm really excited about the concert, and I plan to get there pretty early to be close to the stage," Amstadt said. "They have been around for a long time, and their music still sounds great."

The band is just as excited to be making its way to Eastern on tour.

"This is a really cool tour that we are on right now," said Robby Takac, bass player for the band.

"It's going to a lot of places that we were touring around during the summer, but we never really got to," Takac said.

"I'm really glad that we are able to come through and do this kind of thing right now before we

head back over to Europe and start doing festivals again. It's an amazing change of pace, and it's an awesome part of the country."

Of the current tour, Takac said he likes the energy a college-aged audience brings to the shows.

"When they come to the show, there's (more of) an air of excitement at schools than there is in night clubs. There's a lot of status quo in a night club."

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campusbriefs

Registration deadline today for Beyond Diversity program

» Anyone interested in participating in the Faculty-Development sponsored Beyond Diversity program scheduled Tuesday should register today.

The workshop is open to faculty, staff, graduate students, undergraduates, parents and community leaders.

The meeting is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Charleston-Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Call 581-7051 to register.

TurningPoint User Conference to be held in March

» The first Regional TurningPoint User Conference will be hosted at Eastern on March 5 and 6.

Michael Hoadley, assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology, expects more than 100 people to attend the two-day event to discuss how this new technology is being used in learning environments.

Register at www.turningtechnologies.com/tpuc.

RHA brings home four awards at state conference

» Eastern's Residence Hall Association won four awards, including Program of the Year, during the annual Illinois RHA conference at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

Eastern had the biggest delegation at the conference with 25 people, said Becky Wilson, national conference coordinator and Eastern's Illinois conference coordinator for RHA.

Temetria Haggert won adviser of the year and Erin Keefe won the award for outstanding service.

Certain peanut butter brands infected with salmonella

» Eastern dining officials have not taken peanut butter out of eating facilities because the brand provided by vendors has no evidence of salmonella contamination.

The brands to have been contaminated with salmonella are Peter Pan or Great Value with code 2111 and purchased since May 2006.

If Great Value does not have the code 2111 on the label, it was not made in the contaminated facility and it has not been affected.

Otherwise all Peter Pan and Great Value code 2111 peanut butter should be thrown away.

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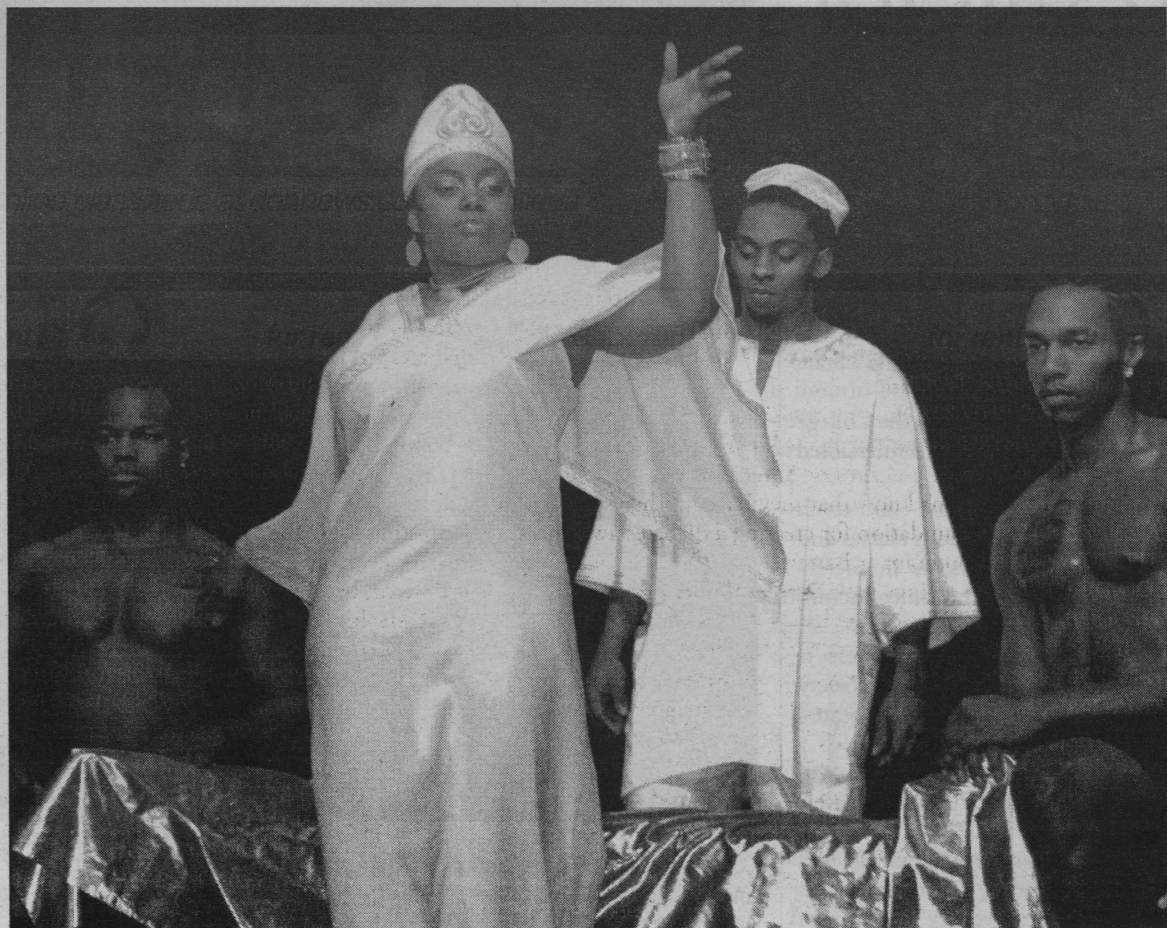
» The return date for the Student Government delegates attending the Conference on Student Government Associations at Texas A&M University was incorrect on page 6 of Friday's edition of the *Daily Eastern News*. They will return on Wednesday.

The DEN regrets the error.

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CAMPUS | MISS BLACK EIU PAGEANT 2007



» Budget

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He pointed out that with expenses such as higher electric rates and deferred maintenance, it's harder to remain competitive against other state schools when it comes to attracting the best faculty.

"If we continue on this path ... you'll have a very expensive public university system," Bowman said.

Last year, IBHE approved a new nursing degree at Eastern, but Eastern has received no state funding for the program.

"We're going to have a B.S. in nursing degree, but as of now we don't have 10 cents in our budget for our B.S. in nursing degree, which everyone says is important," Hencken said.

Private donations and reallocating dollars from other university programs is what has funded the program thus far.

Each university president addressed the committee, highlighting areas where his university had succeeded in the previous year and then touched on

where funding was needed for the university to continue to operate. The committee then questioned the presidents.

Presidents were asked about the money generated from the sale of the Illinois student loan debt.

Bowman said if the money were given to the universities, it would help lower tuition.

Therefore, it would benefit all students, not just those who receive financial aid.

If the money were to go toward a financial aid program, however, it should be ensured that it will benefit students coming from the lower-income quartile, he said.

University of Illinois President B. Joseph White and Hencken echoed Bowman's opinion.

"I wouldn't be upset if it were half and half," White said.

Hencken recommended giving two-thirds to the universities' general operating funds and one-third to ISAC grants.

Hencken cited Eastern's need for funding to equip the Doudna Fine Arts Center and a new steam plant as reasons the university needs additional dollars from the state.

"We've been a million and a half (dollars) short in the funding for the equipment," Hencken said. "We don't want to have a major new building on campus and not have the equipment in there."

Hencken said Eastern also could lose the ability to air-condition and heat campus buildings next time the steam plant breaks down if it is not updated.

"Hopefully, we'll wake up and give more support (to higher education) in the future," said Rep. Rich Brauer, R-Menard County.

The committee took no action last Friday, as it will hear testimony this Friday from the State University Civil Service System, Northeastern Illinois University, Governors State University, Southern Illinois University and the Illinois Community College Board about their budgets.

The funding recommended by IBHE is not final until Gov. Rod Blagojevich announces how much funding the universities will receive in his annual budget address, which took place last year in April.

Then, the Illinois General Assembly must approve the budget by a majority vote.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE CELEBRATION EVENTS

"Representations of Revolution: The Legacy of Black Power in the Media and Culture"

» **What:** A panel discussion by Angela Aguayo, Tony Chauncey and Kristen Hoerl

» **When:** 6 p.m. today

» **Where:** Arcola-Tuscola Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta readings

» **What:** A presentation of famous members of Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta

» **When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday

» **Where:** Martinsville Room, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

"Black. White."

» **What:** A lecture featuring Bruno Marcotulli and Brian Sparks of the FX reality show

» **When:** 7 p.m. Wednesday

» **Where:** Grand Ballroom, Martin Luther King Jr. University Union

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Veronica Starr Edmond, a junior pre-law studies major, poses during the African garment portion of the 36th annual Miss Black EIU competition Saturday night in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Grand Ballroom. Edmond was named first runner-up.

» PantherMail

FROM PAGE 1

He encourages anyone with questions about ITS updates to visit the ITS Web page at www.its.eiu.edu.

But e-mail was not the only technology update discussed at Friday's meeting.

Bill Witsman, director of the Enterprise Information System Enhancement commonly referred to as Banner, gave an update on the university-wide upgrade.

Parts of Banner are already up and running and affecting campus, Witsman said, including the payroll and benefits system that went active January 2007.

"You were paid in January...via Banner," Witsman said.

He and others working on the project watched the printing of the first paychecks in early January.

Most recently, the financial aid portion of Banner went live this month, Witsman said.

Financial aid for the Fall semester will be distributed via Banner.

And one change the campus should be watching for is how Banner will change registration for Fall courses in coming months.

The registration process will be altered with the new system, and students and faculty need to be aware of those changes, Witsman said. The information system won't be completed until March 2008,

but Witsman said the project is on schedule and under budget.

Another topic at the meeting was upgrading 21 academic spaces left to implement the technology enhancement of designated classrooms by the committee, said Mark Borzi, chair of the student technology fee subcommittee.

The 21 classrooms are to be updated in the summer of 2007.

Borzi said the subcommittee will accept applications for upgrades to other computer labs.

The applications are due by the end of February with presentations to be made to the subcommittee in early March.

Finally, one piece of business that has stirred a lot of discussion at past committee meetings has been handed to an ad hoc committee for further exploration.

The ad hoc committee, co-chaired by Michael Hoadley, assistant vice president for academic affairs for technology, and Will Hine, dean of the School of Continuing Education, will discuss the laptop pilot project.

The committee plans to speak with different constituencies of the university such as financial aid to see how a laptop pilot project might be implemented at Eastern.

"This will take a while, obviously, to put this together," Hoadley said.

The Communication Disorders and Sciences Department is already working on a laptop pilot project to be implemented in Fall 2008.

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Chinese offered in fall for foreign language classes

By Nicole Milstead
Senior Campus Reporter

Growing up, Rose Gong saw her parents teach English to students in China.

That began her interest in languages and she became an English teacher herself.

Now, two decades after leaving China, Gong will teach Chinese for the first time at Eastern.

Eastern will offer introductory Chinese for the first time in the fall.

The original desire to expand the foreign language curriculum to include an Asian language, such as Japanese, Chinese or Korean, grew out of the new Asian Studies minor.

Right now, Eastern offers French, German, Spanish, Latin and Russian, on demand.

Russian has not been offered in previous years. The last two times it was offered the class did not reach necessary enrollment numbers, said Stephen Canfield, chair of the foreign language department.

Department members discussed

the possibility of adding an Asian language to the program, but their main concern was finding a professor, he said.

There are no Chinese-speaking professors in the foreign language department but there are a number of people around campus who do speak Chinese, Canfield said.

Jinhee Lee, assistant professor of history and coordinator of the Asian Studies minor, said taking the class might be a good start for people to learn more about Asian issues and culture.

"Learning the language is the beginning of developing an understanding of the culture," Lee said.

Gong agreed to take on the class for the fall.

She is no stranger to teaching her native language. Gong taught Chinese in Champaign at a heritage school for students who were born in the United States with parents who speak Chinese.

She received her bachelor's degree in China and began to teach English.

In 1986, Gong came to America

and received her master's degree at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She then received her doctorate from Ohio State University.

Gong is a professor in the College of Educational and Professional Studies at Eastern.

She will continue to teach educational foundations classes and the diversity of schools in society in addition to the introductory Chinese.

The need to learn Chinese is because of China's global society economically and the United States' exchange with China, she said.

The Asian studies minor was approved in May 2006 and it was first offered in Fall 2006.

The minor's curriculum is set and they are waiting for department, college and university to approve the addition of Chinese to the curriculum.

If enough students are interested in Chinese, the course has a chance to become a permanent addition to the foreign language department.

One student has already inquired about the class, Gong said.

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Comedian Tracy Ashley entertained students by talking about her family and life experiences.

Ashley recently started a countrywide college tour after participating in HBO's Aspen Festival and NBC's Chicago-based Stand-Up For Diversity Showcase. Ashley recently performed at Bradley University in Peoria. She joked about issues such as growing up in a religious household and using birth control.

"I don't want kids," she said. "I take that morning-after pill like it's a multivitamin."

She said one of her fears about having children is being the parent of an ugly child.

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Man sought in foiled kidnap plot

Boy abducted at gunpoint, escapes using safety pin

The Associated Press

MIAMI — A 13-year-old boy bound to a tree in the woods foiled a kidnapping-for-ransom plan by using a safety pin, his teeth and his hands to escape, police said Sunday.

Investigators searched a Bradenton house early Sunday and issued an arrest warrant for Vicente Ignacio Beltran Moreno, 22, but authorities believe he has fled the state.

The truck suspected of being used in the kidnapping was found outside the home believed to be Beltran's, detectives said.

They also found a ransom note with threats, though they would not say where it was found or what it demanded.

Friday morning, about a dozen children at a school bus stop watched as Clay Moore was forced at gunpoint into a red pickup truck, police said.

It appeared the boy was chosen randomly from the group of children in Parrish, a town about 30 miles southeast of St. Petersburg that has seen explosive growth but still has many rural areas, authorities said.

"Clay was just at the wrong place at the wrong time," Manatee County Sheriff Charlie Wells said.

Clay was bound and left alone about 20 miles away in some dense woods on a farm where Beltran had worked three years ago, police said.

Clay used a safety pin to cut through the duct tape and wriggled free.

He then pulled the sock from his mouth, began walking until he found a farmer with a cell phone and called his mother, authorities said.

A sheriff's office spokesman, Dave Bristow, said the teen had the safety pin on him. He did not know whether it was in a pocket or

elsewhere, but apparently the boy remembered it and used it to help in his escape.

"This man kidnapped the wrong kid," Wells said. "This is an observant kid. He's courageous."

Investigators believe the kidnapper planned to leave the boy tied up in the woods until the ransom was paid, Wells said. Authorities were trying to determine whether there were other suspects involved.

On Saturday, investigators and the boy returned to the farm where he was rescued a day earlier. A sketch of the suspect was shown to workers who identified Beltran, Bristow said.

DENVER ZOO | INVESTIGATION

Zoo keeper fatally attacked by jaguar

The 140-pound cat was shot to death by emergency workers

The Associated Press

DENVER — Officials on Sunday were trying to determine why a zookeeper killed by a jaguar had opened the door to the animal's enclosure when zoo policies ban staff members from entering exhibits when big cats are inside.

The Denver Zoo's feline exhibits were closed Sunday for the investigation.

Zoo officials also were

interviewing staff members to determine what happened.

The zookeeper, whose identity wasn't released, had opened a door leading from a service area into Jorge's enclosure on Saturday.

A visitor saw the attack from outside the glass enclosure, and his shouts alerted other keepers, zoo spokeswoman Ana Bowie said.

Under zoo policy, staff cannot be in any large cat exhibit when the animal is there.

The jaguar, a 140-pound male named Jorge, had no history of unusual behavior, Bowie said. Jorge was shot to death by a zoo employee when he approached

emergency workers trying to save the zookeeper.

But one big-cat expert said jaguars are naturally mean and erratic.

"They actually are the most unpredictable animal around," said Nick Sculac, director of Big Cats of Serenity Springs, a rescue center 50 miles southwest of Denver.

The zookeeper died at a hospital about 90 minutes after the attack, zoo officials said. Autopsy results were expected to be released later Sunday, coroner's investigator Raylene Smith said.

She had undergone regular safety training for the exhibit, shadowed

veteran keepers and attended mandatory safety meetings, officials said.

"She was an experienced animal keeper," Bowie said. "This wasn't like it was her first job working with cats."

The jaguar was about 6 years old and had come to the zoo in March 2005 from the Santa Cruz Zoo in Bolivia, the zoo said.

Bowie said a necropsy was planned at the zoo's veterinary hospital, but she did not know when.

A small number of zoo employees undergo frequent training in the use of firearms for such emergencies.

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Eight dead after 2-foot

snowstorm hits upper Midwest

DETROIT — The remnants of a huge winter storm plowed toward the East Coast on Sunday after dumping as much as 2 feet of snow in the upper Midwest, grounding hundreds of airline flights and closing major highways on the Plains.

Eight traffic deaths were blamed on the storm, seven in Wisconsin and one in Kansas. Utility crews labored Sunday to restore power after the storm blacked out hundreds of thousands of homes and business in Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska and Ohio.

Netflix reaches milestone with delivery of 1 billionth DVD

SAN FRANCISCO — Netflix Inc. delivered its 1 billionth DVD over the weekend.

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FROM PAGE 12

Eastern's roster had a brand-new look this past season than it did in Mike Miller's first year. He had his players that he wanted for his system. Yet, they didn't produce immediate winning results. The talent is there for Miller to win. Now change those three outcomes of the games; make them wins instead of losses. The talk about Eastern basketball would be where the Panthers are playing Tuesday in the first round of the OVC Tournament. Instead, it now goes to questions of where the program is headed, if they can make the OVC Tournament next year and if they can become a contender in the conference. And the best part is every one on this year's roster is coming back next year. But talented seniors don't always translate into success.

In fact, Miller said in late August he doesn't think too much about senior leadership. Next year, he'll have five of them, and two who have been around Eastern for at least four years. Miller did see a four-win improvement from his first year to his second year and should expect the same, and more, in year three. When analyzing Miller's second year, it's hard to find one word that matches the tone of the season. But one word does sum up this year: inconsistency. Inconsistency in how Eastern shot the ball, inconsistency in who would score on a given night, inconsistency in the defensive effort and inconsistency on effort sometimes. Miller expects a lot out of his players, and the learning curve is steep. At times, especially in the month of January, these moments of inconsistency stood out: The month started out with a 73-62 loss at Murray State, where Eastern let Murray State's best 3-pointer shooter, Tyler Holloway, score 22 points and make three 3-pointers in the first four minutes.

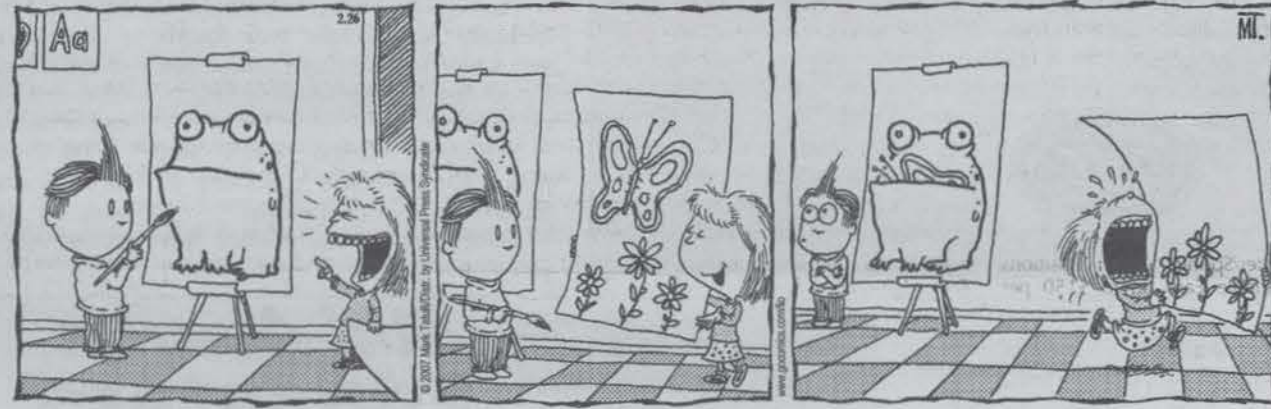
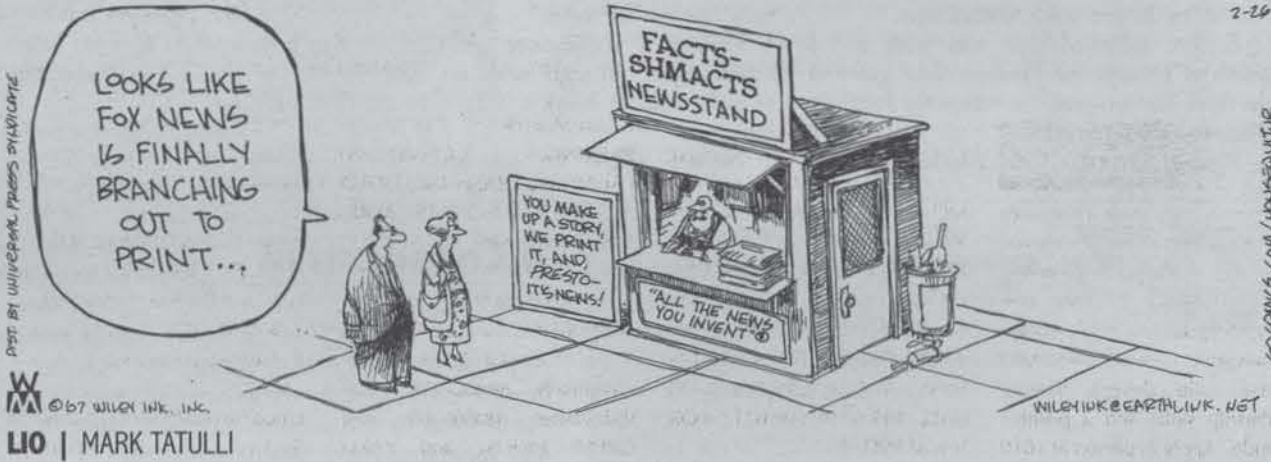
A perfect example of the inconsistency is Eastern's intelligence. An 80-65 loss at Southeast Missouri, where the Redhawks beat Eastern in every facet of the game (rebounding, inside play, guard play, 3-point shooting). And Eastern allowed 50 second-half points in that loss. A perfect example of the inconsistency is Eastern's defensive effort. The Panthers followed up the poor showing in Cape Girardeau, Mo., with one of their best performances of the year in an 81-76 overtime loss at Austin Peay. Eastern only followed up its close loss against Austin Peay with a 67-43 embarrassing loss at Tennessee-Martin. The Panthers had two players score in double figures that game, a perfect example of the inconsistency in Eastern's offensive effort. But one can look back at the three games in January and only ponder how Eastern's season would have been different if it somehow would have won one of those games. An inconsistent January made for an inconsistent season.

pantherbriefs

Eastern knocks off No. 25 Evansville

» The Panthers used seven runs in the first three innings to build a lead against the reigning Missouri Valley Conference champions but it was right fielder Erik Huber's baserunning in the sixth that sealed the 8-6 victory Sunday night in the Dunn Hospitality Classic hosted by Evansville University. Huber lead off the top of the sixth inning with a double. He tagged up on a pop-out by third baseman Ryan Campbell and was driven in on a grounder by freshman catcher Kory Peppenhorst. It was the final run of the game. Panther starting pitcher Alex Guttosch gave up one run in four innings but Mike Budde's 2 1/3 innings of one-hit relief earned him the win. Senior Chris Vaculik recorded the save. The Panthers played two games earlier in the weekend as part of the invitational. Eastern was defeated 4-3 by Toledo on Friday morning but used freshman starter Tyler Kehrer's four shutout innings to beat Chicago State 3-0 in a rain-shortened game on Saturday.

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20 Special occasion

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24 ____ constrictor

25 Arctic bird

26 Oz musical, with "The"

29 Beatles movie

33 State Farm's business: Abbr.

34 Cry loudly

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36 Bank contents

39 Unilever soap brand

40 Film critic Roger

41 Wide-eyed

42 ____ Lingus

43 Roman 111

44 Winner of the first Super Bowl

50 Sushi fish

51 Dadaist Jean

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53 "Shucks!"

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60 Home of Città del Vaticano
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3 Beach footwear

4 1928 Oscar winner Jannings

5 Acts obsequiously

6 Singer Bryant and others

7 Christmastime

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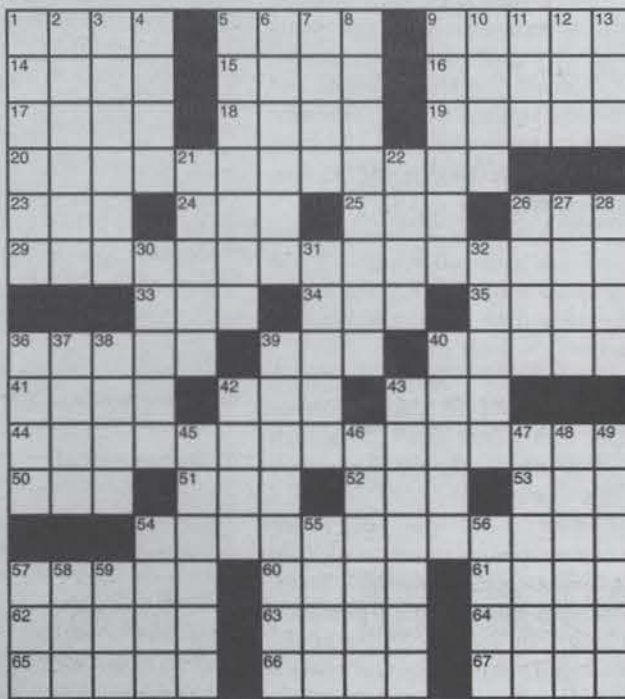
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- 32 Hungarian cube maker

36 Caster of spells

37 Fairy-tale meanie

38 Christmas song

39 Spring game?

40 Do well (at)
- 42 Start of a magician's cry

43 Raspberry

45 Not wide

46 First

47 Holiday quaff

48 Put on the payroll again

49 Parlor piece
- 54 French head

55 "____ good time, call..."

56 "That's all there ____ it!"

57 Figs. averaging 100

58 Macadamia, e.g.

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Sudoku By Michael Mepham

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Saturday's puzzle

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SOFTBALL | TULSA TOURNAMENT

Panthers slap-hit their way to win

Solid performance from young outfielders and four-year starter Short key wins

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Eastern used timely hitting from its younger players and another solid performance from senior Sandyn Short to win two games Sunday in Tulsa, Okla.

The Panthers (6-5), on the strength of a complete-game pitching performance from junior Karyn Mackie and key RBIs from Angela Danca and Megan Nelson held off Missouri State 3-2 in Eastern's first game Sunday in the five-team tournament.

Eastern followed that win with a 6-4 defeat of Tulsa in the Panthers' final game of the three-day tournament, where the Panthers compiled a 3-3 record.

Against Missouri State, Mackie hurled a

TULSA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Date	Opponent	Score
Friday	Stephen F. Austin	W 6-4
Friday	Tulsa	L 3-1
Saturday	Missouri State	L 14-6
Saturday	Creighton	L 6-0
Sunday	Missouri State	W 3-2
Sunday	Tulsa	W 6-4



Sandyn Short
Senior catcher leads team with 4 home runs

three-hitter, keeping the Bears' bats silent a day after they beat Eastern 14-6.

"Karyn worked ahead," said Eastern head coach Kim Schuette. "She got ahead of the batters and her drop ball was working pretty well. She was on today."

Danca, a sophomore left-handed slap hitter, came through with an RBI single to right field to break a 1-1 tie in the fifth inning.

Nelson added an insurance run for

Eastern in the seventh, with the freshman center fielder singling to left field on a full count and driving in Chelsea Adams.

"I was pretty determined," Nelson said. "She put the pitch in there and I just followed through."

Nelson's RBI was needed, with Missouri State scoring a run on two hits in the bottom half of the seventh. The Bears had the game-tying run at second base, but Mackie got Missouri State's Jessie Smith to ground out to senior Chelsea Adams to secure Eastern's win.

The Panthers didn't have long to celebrate their win against Missouri State, having to play a Tulsa team that beat them 3-1 on Friday.

Eastern also didn't wait long to score two runs in the first inning, with doubles by

seniors Sandyn Short and Katy Steele driving in the Panthers' first two runs.

Short added to her 2-for-3 day and 3 RBIs against Tulsa, with a two-run homer in the third inning.

"I just wanted to jump on the first pitches early," said Short, who homered on a 1-0 count.

Eastern led 4-0 after Short's fourth home run of the season, but Tulsa responded with three runs of its own in the bottom half of the third.

Eastern's starter Kathleen Jacoby settled down in the next three innings and survived a wild seventh inning to secure her fourth win of the year. Tulsa loaded the bases with two outs before Jacoby got Tulsa's Ashlee Lubniewski to fly out to left field to end the game.

"Well I was just hoping each inning was the seventh," Schuette said once Eastern got the lead. "Sure enough, it got exciting. I was just hoping we could find a way to get an out."

OVC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS FINAL STANDINGS

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WOMEN

1. Eastern	132.00
2. Tennessee State	117.00
3. Southeast Missouri	100.00
4. Eastern Kentucky	64.00
5. Samford	63.00
6. Jacksonville State	62.00
7. Murray State	40.50
8. Austin Peay	30.50
9. Morehead State	9.00
10. Tennessee Tech	5.00



» Consecutive

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Junior Kirkland Thornton led a Panther contingent in the 60-meter hurdle finals by winning the event in 8.17 seconds.

Junior Mike Embry finished third, freshman Kris Gehrke took fourth and junior Matt Fischer rounded out the scoring total by finishing fifth in the hurdles.

Sophomore David Holm and junior Chris Wesson continued to build the lead for the Panthers.

Holm and Wesson finished first and second in the mile with freshman

Wes Sheldon and junior Clint Coffey finishing fifth and six respectively.

Eastern added another 1-2 finish to increase its point total.

Senior Dan Strackeljahn won the mile in 4:14.68 and just edged out Holm (4:15.42).

"I kind of went brain dead and followed Dan," Holm said.

Strackeljahn ran the anchor leg of the winning distance medley relay team that helped set the tone at the end of the first day.

The Panthers finished the first day of competition and led team scoring with 66 points while SEMO was second with 41 points.

Junior Brad Butler won the 5,000-

meter race on Friday night. Butler moved into first place with 800-meters left and surged from the rest of the runners with 400-meters to go.

"I was kind of feeding off their energy and letting them do the work," Butler said.

Butler finished fourth in the 3,000-meter race on Saturday.

The Panthers continued to dominate with other first-place finishes both track and field events.

Senior pole vaulter Kyle Ellis set an OVC Championship meet record by clearing the 17 feet mark.

Sophomore Ben Hinds took second place clearing the bar at 14 feet, 11.75 inches.

» Stun

FROM PAGE 12

Senior Nicole Marczewski helped add points in that event with a jump of 38 feet, 6.25 inches to finish in fifth place.

Sophomore Nicole Walcott placed second in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet, 4.25 inches.

Walcott also placed fourth and earned a personal best in the weight throw, throwing 52 feet, 11.5 inches and fourth in the shot put (41 feet, 6.5 inches).

"We have done better in previous meets and it was tough knowing that we could probably pull out bigger throws and we just did satisfactory throws," Walcott said.

Sophomore Shawana Smith placed second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.22 seconds and fourth in the 60-meter dash (7.76 seconds).

Smith said she did well in the preliminaries and felt confident going into the finals. "I should have got third in the 60 (meter) but she nipped me at the tape and that happens," Smith said.

Smith said she placed second in the 200-meter dash like she was seeded to but she was trying hard to get first. Tennessee State's Dominique Ward won with a time of 24.64.

"(Ward) had to work to come and get me," Smith said. "I know that because she ran a lot faster in the finals then she did in the prelims."

Smith was also on the 4x400 relay team of freshmen Meghan Carney and Caitlin Finnegan and sophomore Tarra Grant.

Distance coach Geoff Masanet said although the distance crew didn't have any top three finishers, they did have solid performances

WOMEN'S TOP FINISHERS OVC INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

•Sophomore Chandra Golden, first, 60-meter hurdles, 8.76 seconds

•Sophomore Shawana Smith, third, 60-meter dash, 7.76 seconds

•Sophomore Violet Nwordu, fourth, 60-meter dash, 7.79 seconds

•Nwordu, fifth, 200-meter dash, 26.01 seconds

•Freshman Erin O'Grady, sixth, 800-meter run, 2:20.66

•Senior Nicole Flounders, fifth, mile, 5:11.85

•Flounders, fifth, 3,000-meter run, 10:24.74

•Senior Jillian Blondell, fifth, 5,000-meter run, 18:14.45

•Senior Nicole Marczewski, third, long jump, 18'07.00"

•Sophomore Jenna Uhe, second, triple jump, 39'06.50"

•Sophomore Nicole Walcott, second, high jump, 5'04.25"

•Sophomore Tricia Gaumer, third, pole vault, 11'05.75"

•Senior Nicolene Galas, third, pole vault, 11'05.75"

•Freshman Kandace Arnold, third, shot put, 41'07.75"

•Walcott, fourth, shot put, 41'06.50"

•Walcott, fourth, weight throw, 52'11.50"

for the most part.

Flounders got fifth place in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:24.74 and in the mile, which she finished in 5:11.85.

Blondell placed fifth in the 5,000-meter run in a time of 18:14.45.

Freshman Erin O'Grady placed sixth in the 800-meter in 2:20.66 and seventh in the mile with a time of 5:15.02.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL | SAMFORD 71, EASTERN 45

Slow starts doom game, season

Panthers kept out of postseason tourney for third time in four years

By Matt Daniels
Sports Editor

Samford closed out Seibert Hall in grand style. Eastern closed out its season with a dismal performance. For the third time in the last four years, Eastern will not qualify for the eight-team Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

And it's all about how they started Saturday's game against Samford that led to their 20th loss of the year.

The Panthers got off to a slow start in Birmingham, Ala., and could not recover en route to a 71-45 loss to Samford, in the Bulldogs' final game at the 45-year-old Seibert Hall.

Even if Eastern had defeated the Bulldogs, the Panthers' season still would have ended without qualifying for the OVC Tournament.

The Panthers needed to win at Samford, Jacksonville State to beat Southeast Missouri and Morehead State to lose at Austin Peay.

Only one of those situations played out, with JSU beating SEMO. Eastern lost and Morehead State beat Austin Peay 82-77.

Eastern's postseason fate had already been sealed five hours prior to the conclusion of SEMO's game.

Eastern missed seven of its first eight shots and fell behind 9-2.



COURTESY OF SAMFORD SPORTS INFORMATION

Sophomore Billy Parrish battles for a rebound in Eastern's loss on Saturday.

"Anytime that happens, it's hard to come back because we've got to play catch up a lot," said Eastern guard Romain Martin. "Then, since we didn't make any shots, it let our defense slip a bit."

The Bulldogs kept up their early pace, heading into halftime leading

31-15.

"We were able to get off to a good start today, and I thought that the key for our defense was stopping their shooters," said Samford head coach Jimmy Tillette.

First-half shooting for both teams was subpar but Eastern's inability to

BOBBY CATCHINGS | JUNIOR FORWARD

"We just didn't finish plays. I don't think it was anything Samford did. Guys just didn't make plays when they needed to."

make layups and Samford's ability to connect on 3-pointers helped give Samford the early lead.

Eastern shot 25 percent (six of 24) in the first half, while Samford made 39 percent (nine of 23), and four 3-pointers.

"I think a lot of it was we were playing their game instead of playing the way we wanted to play," said Eastern junior center Jake Byrne.

The Panthers cut their deficit to 13 within the first two minutes of the second half, but an 18-3 Samford run upped the Bulldogs' lead to 51-23 with 13:19 left to play.

"We just didn't finish plays," said Eastern junior forward Bobby Catchings. "I don't think it was anything Samford did. Guys just didn't make plays when they needed to."

Samford did make the plays and ended a five-game losing streak before heading into Tuesday's first-round tournament game at No. 4 seed Murray State.

"We were able to get the win today and that's all that really matters," Samford senior guard Jerry Smith said. "We needed this win because we've been struggling as of late and hopefully we can take this positive momentum with us into the OVC Tournament."

Samford 71, Eastern 45

Eastern	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
Catchings	17	1-6	3-3	3-3	0	4	5
Byrne	29	4-8	0-0	0-3	1	1	8
Cisse	17	1-3	0-0	4-7	0	0	2
Robinson	28	2-5	0-0	0-1	3	1	4
Martin	35	5-14	3-3	0-2	0	3	16
Myers-Kyles	22	3-7	2-5	2-3	0	1	8
Parrish	7	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	2	0
Brock	12	0-2	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Perry	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Voss	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Willhite	16	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	2	0
Joliff	13	1-3	0-0	0-0	2	1	2
TOTALS	200	17-51	8-11	11-25	4	16	45
Percentages: FG: .333 3-point goals: 3-15 Blocked shots: 0							
Steals: 6 Turnovers: 12							

Samford	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
Peterson	33	6-8	0-0	0-5	4	2	15
Merritt	27	2-6	0-0	0-2	0	2	6
Black	28	2-3	0-2	2-7	2	1	4
Smith	33	2-7	6-6	0-4	4	2	10
Gulina	25	6-10	10-11	3-7	4	2	23
West	20	1-3	0-0	0-2	2	1	3
Fraine	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Griffin	2	1-2	0-0	2-2	0	1	2
Montgomery	5	0-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Friday	19	2-5	2-2	0-1	1	1	8
TOTALS	200	22-45	18-21	9-34	17	13	71
Percentages: FG: .489 3-point goals: 9-29 Blocked shots: 1							
Steals: 9 Turnovers: 10							

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL | SAMFORD 70, EASTERN 49

Tournament hopes bashed in Birmingham

By Marc Correnti
Staff Reporter

Not only did Samford close out Seibert Hall, but the Bulldogs also closed-out the Panthers' season.

Eastern's 70-49 loss on Saturday eliminated any chance of the Panthers making back-to-back trips to the Ohio Valley Conference Tournament.

Even if the Panthers were able to pull out the victory, Eastern Kentucky and Austin Peay won its last game to remove any hope the Panthers might have had.

Saturday's game in Birmingham, Ala., was a microcosm of the kind of season the Panthers had against the top four teams in the conference, in which they finished with an 0-8 record.

Sophomore Rachel Galligan's jump shot put the Panthers (10-19, 7-13 OVC) up 25-21 with 3 minutes 11 seconds left in the first half, but then the Panthers went cold.

Samford (17-12, 12-8) went on a 24-4 run near the end of the first second half.

While the Bulldogs offense was heating up, the Panthers continued to make mistakes, forcing shots and making turnovers.

After an Ashley Thomas layup cut Eastern's deficit to 30-27, the Panthers would go 8:06 until the next basket by Ellen Canale helped cut Samford's lead to 45-31.

"They were playing our screens a little more physical," said Eastern head coach Brady Sallee. "They did



COURTESY OF SAMFORD SPORTS INFORMATION

Freshman Ashley Thomas looks to pass on Saturday in Eastern's loss against Samford in Birmingham, Ala.

a real good job of closing out on us. It was a situation where we're used to getting to the free-throw line, but didn't. It was frustrating."

During that eight-minute stretch of futility, the Panthers went zero for seven shooting and had six turnovers.

Samford capitalized on the Panthers' miscues, led by Veronica Pike (24 points), Megan Wilderotter (12) and Monica Maxwell (10).

"I thought Wilderotter did a good job on defense," Sallee said.

"They're a veteran team and they played like it."

The Panthers had a difficult time feeding the ball in the post to Galligan. The 6-foot-2 forward finished with 10 points on only three of 10 shooting.

"(Samford) did a good job of pushing her off the block," Sallee said. "When we did get it to her, they did a good job in double-teaming her."

The backcourt - most notably Jessica Huffman - struggled against

a Samford team that's held Eastern to 29 percent shooting (29 for 99) in both games.

The Bulldogs have done an even better job on Huffman., in her two games against Samford, she finished with eight points on two of 15 shooting and 11 turnovers.

"They clearly had her number," Sallee said.

With the season over, like most young teams, the Panthers have struggled to find an identity.

Even when Eastern's defense

Samford 70, Eastern 49

Eastern	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
Scaggs	15	1-2	4-4	1-3	0	4	6
Galligan	32	1-5	4-6	1-5	0	3	10
Huffman	33	0-3	3-5	0-3	3	4	3
Canale	20	3-3	7-3	3-3	0	4	9
Thomas	29	0-4	1-3	0-4	1	4	10
Baker	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Sturtevant	15	0-1	0-0	0-1	1	3	4
Kramer	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Eck	16	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Maxedon	25	0-2	0-0	0-2	0	2	5
Kloak	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kluempers	5	0-1	0-0	0-1	0	0	0
Lippert	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
TOTALS	200	7-27	14-21	7-27	5	26	49
Field Goal Percentage: .259 3-point goals: 3-14 Blocked shots: 1							
Steals: 5 Turnovers: 20							

Samford	min	fg	ft	reb	a	pf	pts
Pike	26	8-11	6-9	2-7	0	3	24
Towns	25	1-2	0-1	1-6	3	1	2
Wilderotter	28	3-6	6-8	0-2	2	4	12
Pilkerton	17	0-2	3-4	2-3	0	1	3
Insell	32	1-5	2-2	0-5	3	2	4
Maxwell	26	4-6	0-0	1-2	0	3	10
Smith	23	2-5	1-2	0-3	0	3	5
Munday	21	2-8	4-4	2-4	1	2	8
Elkins	2	1-1	0-0	0-0	0	0	2
TOTALS	200	22-46	22-38	8-36	3	19	70
Field Goal Percentage: .478 3-point goals: 4-15 Blocked shots: 1							
Steals: 5 Turnovers: 17							

picked up towards the end of the season, it was the offense that went in prolonged scoring droughts.

It is little nuances like that which Sallee hopes gets corrected with maturity and as he takes his young team into next season.

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triplethreat



Never in Ohio Valley Conference history has one school won both the men's and women's indoor track and field conference titles. That changed Saturday. Eastern's men's team captured their sixth consecutive indoor title and women's head coach Mary Wallace (above) led her team to its first ever indoor crown.

Here are the top three performances:

1. Men's triple jump — Senior Obe Eruteya won the event with a jump of 50-feet, 11.50 inches. That mark puts him on the NCAA provisional qualifying list.

2. Women's 60-meter hurdles — In the only event the women's team won, sophomore Chandra Golden ran a season best, blazing through the hurdles in 8.76 seconds.

3. Men's long jump — Dominique Rodgers of Tennessee State won the event with a jump of 25 feet, .75 inches. TSU's Buford Williams, the OVC's Field Athlete of the Year, took second and John Berry of SEMO placed third. All three provisionally qualified for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

— Kevin Murphy

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OUT OF BOUNDSJanuary
not kind to
Eastern

A missed wide-open layup at the buzzer at Eastern Kentucky.

A questionable charge call with the game tied in regulation against Austin Peay.

A missed 3-pointer at the buzzer to tie the game against Tennessee State.

All three of these endings happened in the month of January for Eastern men's basketball.

And when one looks back at the Panthers' 2006-07 season, this month stood out the most — for all the wrong reasons.

Take out the entire month of January, and Eastern's record stands at 9-13 and 5-7 in the Ohio Valley Conference.

Still not pretty, but a lot more desirable than the 10-20 record the Panthers finished with.

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WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD | OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eastern women stun OVC

Panther's capture first
women's indoor title
in program history

By Brandy Provaznik
Staff Reporter

The first Ohio Valley Conference Championship Eastern women's track and field ever won was a complete team victory.

Women's head coach Mary Wallace said having almost everyone on the team scoring showed the depth and effort of the team as a whole.

"Basically they just fought and clawed for everything they could get across the board and never gave up," said Tom Akers, Eastern's current men's head coach.

The women won the conference by placing at least one athlete in each event and scored 132 points, edging out second-place Tennessee State (117 points).

Sophomore Chandra Golden's 60-meter hurdle victory was the only first-place finish for the Panthers.

Golden said it felt good knowing on a bigger level and with each person contributing they could collectively pull off a victory.

"As long as you have 25 girls that will go out there and perform and they get one through eight in any way possible that's all you need," said senior Jillian Blondell.

Akers said having many athletes place in each event allowed the entire team to feel like their points mattered.

"I contributed nine points to



JAY GRABIEC | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Sophomore high jumper Nicole Walcott clears the bar at the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships on Saturday at Lantz Fieldhouse. Walcott took second place with a jump of 5 feet, 4.25 inches.

this win and that just makes me feel proud knowing I did something to help the whole team," said freshman thrower Kandace Arnold. Arnold placed third in the shot put with a throw of 41 feet, 7.75 inches.

In the pole vault, sophomore Tricia Gaumer and senior Nicolene Galas tied for third place

by clearing the bar at 11 feet, 5.75 inches.

"I wouldn't have wanted it any other way," Gaumer said. "To stand up on that podium with my teammates and share the glory together was really exciting."

Galas, a senior, said the win meant more because she had been waiting for so long for this to

happen.

Sophomore Jenna Uhe placed first in the triple jump until Jacksonville State senior Andrea Arnaud out-jumped her in the final jump.

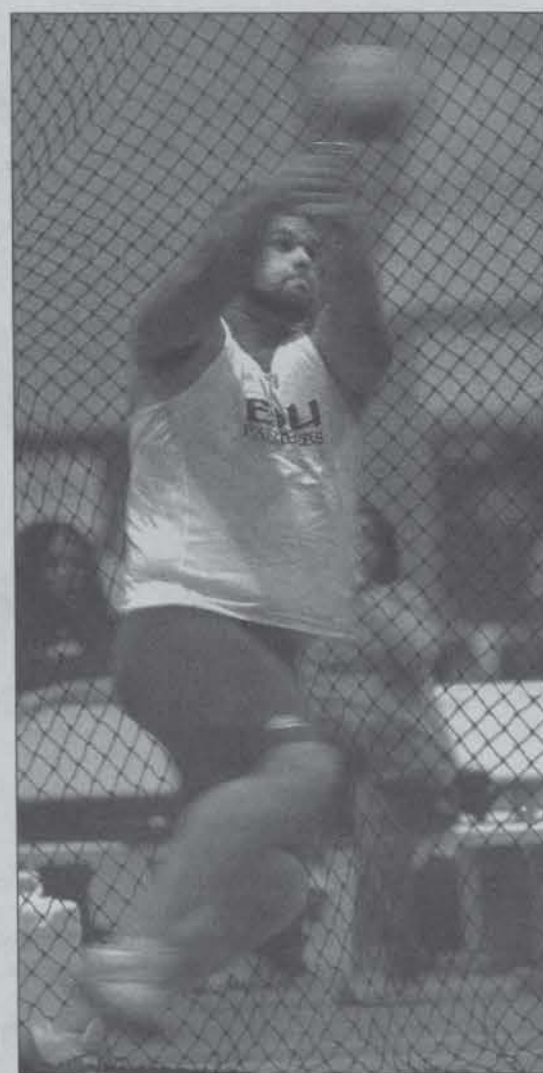
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Panthers win sixth consecutive title



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Senior Jimmy Shultz competes in the weight throw on Saturday during the Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Championships at Lantz Fieldhouse.

Eastern men continue to
dominate, capture tenth
indoor crown in 11 years

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The dynasty continues.

Eastern men's track and field dominated its way toward its sixth straight Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track and Field Championship Friday and Saturday at Lantz Fieldhouse.

It was Eastern's 10th title in the past 11 years.

"We just kept showing up and competing and great things happen," said Tom Akers, Eastern's men's head coach.

Eastern won the meet with 207 points. Southeast Missouri finished second in the team-point standings with 135 points.

Nine Panthers took first place and the Panthers scored in 14 of 16 events.

Senior Obe Eruteya defended his OVC Championship triple jump crown of last year by winning the event with a jump of 50 feet, 11.5 inches.

That mark puts him on the NCAA provisional qualifying list.

"Field events are key because those events are the key to start things off before the racing events," Eruteya said. "I think it got the meet off and rolling."

Senior thrower Jimmy Schultz also helped the Panthers get rolling. Another Panther that helped get the team rolling was. He started Friday with a win in the shot put and kept it going Saturday with a win in weight throw.

Schultz threw a personal record in the

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- Senior Kyle Ellis, first, pole vault, 17 feet
- Sophomore Ben Hinds, second, pole vault, 14'11.75"
- Senior Obe Eruteya, first, triple jump, 50'11.50"
- Eruteya, second, high jump, 6'07.50"
- Sophomore David Holm, first, 800-meter run, 1:52.32
- Junior Chris Wesson, second, 800-meter run, 1:53.24
- Senior Dan Strackellahn, first, mile, 4:14.68,
- Holm, second, mile, 4:15.42
- Junior Brad Butler, first, 5,000-meter run, 15:15.66
- Junior Kirkland Thornton, first, 60-meter hurdles, 8.17 seconds
- Junior Brenton Pegues, third, 400-meter dash, 49.52 seconds
- Men's Distance Medley Relay, first, 10:19.36
- Senior Jimmy Schultz, first, shot put, 55'01.00",
- Senior Austin Hogue, second, shot put, 53'01.50
- Schultz, first, weight throw, 55'09.75"
- Hogue, third, weight throw, 53'09.75"

weight throw (55 feet, 9.75 inches). Senior Austin Hogue took runner-up honors in the shot put and third in the weight throw.

"I hope it set the tone for the other teammates of Eastern," Schultz said.

Those teammates responded and added to the team-scoring total by recording other first-place finishes.

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